GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DRIP IRRIGATION
ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL;RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have to pay arrears of subsidy to certain State Governments for drip irrigation;

(b) if so, the details thereof particularly in case of Maharashtra;

(c) whether the Government propose to reduce the subsidy;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the subsidy is not reaching the actual farmers; and

(f) if not, the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b): The Union Government is not required to pay any arrear amount ofsubsidy to the State Governments for drip irrigation. During the year 1999-2000, the entire allocation of Rs.27.04 crores was released to the Government of Maharashtraunder the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Use of Plastics in Agriculture.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The Government is proposing to reduce the subsidy for drip irrigation with a view to ensure larger coverage of area under drip irrigation with the available resources.

(e) & (f): Under the scheme, the subsidy is being provided to the actual farmers after field verification.